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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

**MR. ASHLEY HORNE**, of Johnson county, recently gave utterance to the opinion that the cotton crop of this country cannot be large again. Scarcity of labor and the uncertainty of holding contracts with those who can be hired and many other influences enter into the chances against a large cotton crop any more. The present outlook for cotton is that it will be a good price the coming season. The first bale of the year was sold in New York a few days ago at twenty-six and a half cents per pound; but of course we cannot hope for anything like that price for the crop. There is every indication, however, that the price of cotton will rule high this year, and a little prudence in selling will almost certainly secure good prices for all. Of course no one can tell what will be the yield of the cotton crop in North Carolina this year; but whether it be large or small, the price will almost certainly be good.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Thomasville to the Charlotte Observer says that the wheat crop is short about half in Davidson, notwithstanding the fact that it is one of the largest wheat raising counties in the State. The Thomasville Roller Mills has this year purchased 27 car loads of wheat from the West and the North. The total number of bushels purchased was 24,770 at a cost of \$22,077.61. Including the home raised wheat the mills ground 54,000 bushels during the past twelve months. The wheat crop in this State has generally been short, we believe, but that should not cause farmers to neglect to plant again. Farmers can make no better crop than wheat. The amount of money sent out of North Carolina for flour every year is immense and a reasonable acreage by every farmer who has lands suitable for growing wheat would greatly reduce the amount shipped to the State. Besides a bread crop wheat is also good for horses.

WE CLIP the following from the Atlanta Journal which ought to be interesting to those who have kept up with the number of lynchings in the country: "Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme court, has declared in his private capacity that lynching is murder. Every man who has a hand in a lynching is a murderer, and can be held by any court in the land for the crime of murder in the same degree as if he had committed the deed individually. This declaration ought to bring the public mind to a pause in the present lynching crisis. It is from the very highest source of authority in this country and while it conveys no new definition of the act of lynching it removes much of the false light which has been thrown about that horrid crime by the constant practice of it. Men have come to regard lynching as really justifiable because it has become so common and is allowed so often to go without punishment. Now that Justice Brewer, from his eminence in the public esteem and confidence, has said it is plain, unvarnished murder, it does seem that men will listen to his voice and come to realize the truth of what he says."

THE ROCKY MOUNT MOTOR makes the following observation: "There were two colored excursions to Rocky Mount this week and both put large crowds of colored people on our streets. There was one very noticeable fact in this connection. The deportment and good behavior of the excursionists was excellent. What a comparison to most of the colored excursions that were run during the political ascendancy of the fusionists including the colored politicians. How tranquil the conditions generally and few, if any clashes between the races, compared to those times. Every day instances arise which prove the wisdom of the constitutional amendment and Jim Crow law." It may be added that the constitutional amendment has not been felt yet in all its tendencies for good to our people. It will be many years before its full fruition will be enjoyed. All ought to be glad that the amendment was passed, for it has already brought about conditions that make both races happier. If the amendment were annulled today it would not belong before excursions and everything else of the kind in North Carolina would be bad and boisterous. We do not mean that all the colored people in the State are bad, but in all such crowds as go on colored excursions there are some who are ready to raise a disturbance without provocation, especially if they have a little whiskey to drink.

THE farmers' convention in Raleigh last week was rather a notable occasion. There has been no such meeting in the State before, and the wide interest that was taken in it by the farmers throughout the State, indicates a growing desire to push to greater success the grand and noble work of tilling the soil. There were many useful and helpful suggestions given out in the convention which will do great good. Every farmer in the State ought to feel the influence of that convention. While only a comparatively small number of the farmers of the State could attend the meeting, still those who could not attend ought to get some benefit from it. Besides items of interest and addresses published in the papers, the farmers who did attend have gone back to their homes to put into execution the new ideas they have gathered, and as they come in contact with their neighbor farmers they will tell something of what they have learned, and these same neighbors will in turn tell their neighbors, and so the influence of the convention will continue to spread until another meeting of the kind is held. Such meetings are helpful beyond calculation, and it is good for the agricultural advancement of the State that the farmers are showing such interest in them. Nothing needs improvement in North Carolina more than our agricultural interests, and the State will feel nothing more sensibly than an improved condition of agriculture. Let every one who can, give encouragement to higher and better things for the tillers of the earth, for after all the farmer must furnish bread to all the world.

## Grass and Root Crops.

Southern Cultivator.

I have always been interested in cattle, but this interest has been intensified of late, writes C. F. Hunnicutt. And to raise cattle brings up at once the subject, how best to feed them? We Southerners have much to learn here. Take the case of grass: We have but few pastures worthy of the name, while with Bermuda we can have as fine as anywhere in the world. We should not only have a patch of Bermuda here and there, as in most cases, but the whole pasture should be so thickly sodded with it that the hoof of the cattle would leave no impression upon it. We have an acre or two like this, and it yields more feed than ten acres of average pasture. The majority of pastures we see constitute the most barren and grassless spot on the premises. No farmer could spend the wet days in the winter better than hauling Bermuda roots and setting them in all gall spots and gullies in his pasture. Soon it will be a thing of beauty instead of an eyesore.

Then in the winter when the cold has killed the grass, how best can we supply its place? Many say by the silo, but I believe we can do so more cheaply with turnips and potatoes. We, South, know the value of turnips, not feed alone, but with hay and other feed. Upon the same dry feed, our cows gave one gallon of milk per day more when given six gallons turnips and tops. I do not know how they could have been increased so much at same cost. My stock would not eat turnips when there was other green in abundance, but let frost come and kill the grass and they will eat all they can get. I saw in the Breeders' Gazette that in England they raise cattle to weigh two thousand pounds at three years old, that were never fed anything except grass and roots, their "roots" consisting of turnips and beets. Our experience with beets has not been satisfactory, but we can raise potatoes and turnips on land that has raised one crop such as wheat, oats, rye, crimson clover, etc. This makes quite an item with us. We, South, want our land to lie idle. Land, like people, is better for more work, if the work is only done right. We are glad to see so many becoming interested in raising cattle. Let us all remember there can be no true success without plenty of feed. There can be no fine cattle that is not well fed, and there can not be much profit in them unless we raise most of this feed.

## Words of Wisdom.

The earnestness of life is the only passport to the satisfaction of life.—Parker.

One thorn of experience is worth a wilderness of warning.—James Russell Lowell.

Let us cherish a sober mind and take for granted that in our best performances there are latent many errors which in their own time will come to light.—Gladstone.

The comfortable and comforting people are those who look on the bright side of life, gathering its roses and sunshine and making most that happens seem the best.—Dorothy Dix.

Demand of every common thing of life, whether it be your body or your money or your daily experience, that it shall bloom into fine results in your own soul and in your influence on the world.—Philip Brooks.

The truest lives are cut rose-diamond fashion, with the many facets adhering to the many planned aspects of the world about them; and society is always trying in some way or another to grind us down to a single flat surface.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

In our higher and happier moods, I think we all have visions of the truth that we never are nor can be paid for our best days only in the doing of it. Our finest devotion is never recompensed in terms of the market. It never can be. We give ourselves and find in return our larger life.—Frederick L. Homer.

The man who spends his years on earth in shallow enjoyment or selfish ease, careless of the world's sorrow and indifferent of its sins, blind to its finest beauties and most thrilling tragedies, moved by no great love, actuated by no high hope, stirred by no holy enthusiasm, is ignorant of all true life.—C. J. Perry.

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## FLOOD OF IMMIGRATION.

HARD TO MANAGE IT ALL.

A Million a Year.

Charlotte News.

That is the high-water mark that the tide of immigration has reached this year and there are indications that it will go yet higher. This would not be so alarming except for the character of the immigration that is coming in. If it were the old immigration from England and Germany proper and Ireland it would not be so bad. But the bulk of it is from the countries of Europe that are far less easily assimilated, and that it will take several generations to comb down into average American citizens.

From the German Empire there came to us 40,000 people, from England 26,000, from Sweden 46,000 and from Ireland 38,000. These are all desirable immigrants, the Irish soon learning how to govern us, and the others being excellent and law-abiding citizens. But we have from the Russian Empire the enormous total of 136,000 immigrants, an increase of 28,000 over that of last year, from Austria Hungary 126,000, an increase of 84,000 and from Italy 230,000, an increase of 52,000. Besides these there are 30,000 Asiatics of all breeds.

How in the world is America going to assimilate these people into the body politic?

One of the "open secrets" about the recent movement in the North for Southern education, was the admission that here and here only in America was the pure Anglo Saxon stock to be found. Perhaps our own people do not appreciate how few foreign parentage we have in the South. In North Carolina, for instance, there are only 4,393 foreign born inhabitants and only 8,398 of foreign parentage. In South Carolina the corresponding figures are 5,000 and 11,000. In New York, on the other hand, the foreign born are nearly two millions and the native white of foreign parentage two and a half millions, while the native white of native white stock are less than a hundred thousand more. In Pennsylvania one-fourth as many as the native white population are foreign born and a million and a half are the children of foreign parents. The native white population of North Carolina, of native white parentage, is half as large as the same population in New York State and is larger than that of most Northern States, the other exceptions being Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois.

Here is the real hope of the South. If the negro question is a Southern problem, the immigration question is still almost wholly a Northern problem, and moreover we believe that the South as a whole would infinitely prefer the negro population to the "Goth and the shameless Hun" which with the Italians are beginning to make up the larger part of the population of the North.

## Health as a Duty.

Woman's Home Companion.

A wise man who chooses to pose as a fool once said that "health is the primary duty of life." Yet the majority of us do not consider health a duty. It is a gift from God, a piece of good luck, what you will, anything but a requirement laid on mankind. We exact of a man that he be kind, that he be honest. If he is not either of these the more shame to him; but if he is unhealthy we count him unfortunate, and let it go. It would be better to regard health as a duty. We inherit some of our trouble, to be sure, but Nature is on our side, fighting for health, and most of our illness is brought about by our own indiscretion. Let us shoulder the new responsibility. We should live wisely and temperately in all things, neither overeat nor overdrink; we should keep away from intoxicants, and above all, we should not allow ourselves to worry about anything, because that harms us physically as well as mentally. We should regard an act that is likely to interfere with our well-being with as much abhorrence as we would a lie or a theft, which is a blow at character. This is the part of wisdom; it is also the part of morals. If a man is sick he will more easily yield to temptation; all the moral and mental rest inevitably on the physical, and with good health to his aid one is able to face with fortitude all the various problems of life.

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The sweetest of music the birds to us sing. The loveliest flowers grow wild. The finest of drinks gushes out of the spring— All free to man, woman and child.

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Kind words and glad looks and smiles cheery and brave. Cost nothing—no, nothing at all; And yet all the wealth Monte Cristo could save Can make no such pleasures befall.

To bask in the sunshine, to breathe the pure air. Honest toil, the enjoyment of health, Sweet slumber refreshing—the pleasures we share Without any portion of wealth.

Communion with friends that are tried, true and strong. To love and be loved for love's sake— In fact, all that makes a life happy and long Are free to whoever will take —Selected.

The Greatest Compliment.

Selected. One wet, foggy, muggy day, a little girl was standing on one side of a street in London, waiting for an opportunity to cross over. Those who have seen London streets on such a day, with their darkness, wet and mud, and have watched the rush of cabs, hansoms, omnibuses and carriages, will not wonder that a little girl should be afraid to make her way through such a babel as that.

Some of the passers-by looked careless, some were in haste, and she did not find the one she sought, until at length an aged man, rather tall and spare, and of grave aspect, came walking down the street. Looking in his face she seemed to see in him the one for whom she had been waiting, and she went up to him and whispered timidly:

"Please, sir, will you help me over?" The old man saw the little girl safely across the street. When he afterwards told the story, he said:

"That little girl's trust was the greatest compliment I ever had in my life."

That man was Lord Shaftesbury. He received honors at the hands of a mighty nation; he was complimented with the freedom of the greatest city on the globe; he received the honors conferred by royalty; but the greatest compliment he ever had in his life was when that little unknown girl singled him out in the jostling London crowd and dared to trust him, a stranger though he was, to protect and assist her.

Some Old Time Droughts.

Selected. The following statement of dry seasons extending back to the days of the pilgrim fathers has been compiled and is well worth preserving:

In the summer of 1621, twenty-four days in succession without rain.

In 1630, forty-one days without rain.

In 1657, seventy-five days without rain.

In 1674, forty-five days in succession without rain.

In 1688, eighty-one days without rain.

In 1694, sixty-two days.

In 1705, forty days.

In 1715, forty-six days.

In 1718, sixty-one days.

In 1730, ninety-two days in succession without rain.

In 1741, seventy-two days.

In 1749, one hundred and eight days without rain.

In 1762, one hundred and twenty-three days without rain.

In 1773, eighty days.

In 1791, eighty-two days.

Since then we have had some 12 or 15 droughts of from 20 to 40 days duration. The dry siege of 1901 is still fresh on the minds of our people.

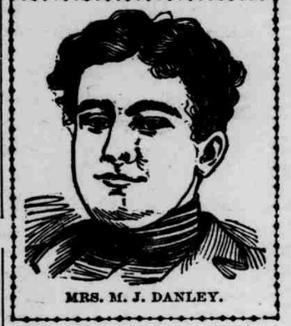
It will be seen that the longest droughts that ever occurred in America was in the summer of 1762. No rain fell from the first of May to the first of September, making 123 days without rain. Many of the inhabitants sent to England for hay and grain.

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## Powder and Guns.

Cassell's Magazine. There is abundant evidence that the origin of gunpowder and artillery goes far back in the dim ages of the past.

The Hindoo code, compiled long before the Christian era, prohibited the making of war with cannons and guns or any kind of firearms. Quintus Curtius informs us that Alexander the Great met with fire weapons in Asia, and Philostratus says that Alexander's conquests were arrested by the use of gunpowder. It is also written that those wise men who lived in the cities of the Ganges "overthrew their enemies with tempests and thunderbolts shot from the walls." Julius Africanus mentions shooting powder in the year 275. It was used in the siege of Constantinople in 668, by the Arabs in 690, at Thessalonica in 904, at the siege of Belgrade in 1073, by the Greeks in naval battle in 1008, by the Arabs against the Iberians in 1147 and at Toulouse in 1218. It appears to have been generally known throughout civilized Europe as early as 1300, and soon thereafter it made its way into England, where it was manufactured during the reign of Elizabeth, and we learn that a few arms were possessed by the English in 1810 and that they were used at the battle of Creve in 1846.

Same Elsewhere.

Greenville Reflector. One of the first things a stranger in Greenville notices is the lack of manners—or rather the presence of bad manners, of a great many people who frequent public places. The stranger sees a group of girls just home from college, perhaps, gathered at a soda fountain or walking on the street. He observes with painful disgust that they talk loudly, laugh immoderately and walk and stand in anything but a dignified manner. It is also noticed that Miss and Mr. are rarely used among the younger men and women. "Hayo, Bill," the girl says between an snicker and a giggle; "Hayo, Mary," the youngling answers.

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